

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 0609

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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, IT, PINT,  
SUBJ: DC INQUIRY ABOUT USG ATTITUDE TOWARD PCI

REF: ROME 20640; STATE 301434

1. ON EVE OF AMBASSADOR GARDNER'S DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON, DC DEPUTY PISANU (OF ZACCAGNINI SECRETARIAT) CALLED EMOFF OF SAY THAT A SENIOR DC LEADER WOULD LIKE TO SEE AMBASSADOR BEFORE DEPARTURE. PISANU EXPLAINED THAT DC LEADERS WERE CONFUSED AND CONCERNED ABOUT USG ATTITUDE ON THE COMMUNIST ISSUE IN LIGHT OF POLITICAL COUNSELOR'S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH GALLONI (ROME 0209). PISANU COMMENTED THAT POSITIONS STATED IN GALLONI CONVERSATION WERE AT VARIANCE WITH IMPRESSION HE RECEIVED DURING HIS VISIT IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER WHEN HE ALLEDGEDLY HEARD NO OBJECTION FROM ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO HIS SUGGESTION THAT THE DC WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO A FURTHER ENLARGEMTN OF PCI'S ROLE DURING THE CURRENT CRISIS.

2. AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, EMOFF INFORMED PISANU THAT UNFORTUNATELY, IN VIEW OF  
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AMBASSADOR'S EXISTING COMMITMENTS HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO SEE ANYONE IN THE FEW HOURS REMAINING BEFORE DEPARTURE, BUT WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING DC LEADERS ON HIS RETURN. EMOFF ALSO CONFIRMED, IN THE AMBASSADOR'S NAME, THAT US ATTITUDES STATED BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO GALLONI ACCURATELY REFLECTED THOS OF AMBASSADOR AND THE USG.

3. COMMENT: WE ANTICIPATE THIS ISSUE WILL BE  
RAISED BY DC LEADERS WITH AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY  
UPON HIS RETURN.HOLMES

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